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Imagine our Community without Seniors!



There is frequent discussion on various radio programmes about the burden that a top-heavy nation will be! Those who retire at 60 or 65 or 66 or anytime later seem deemed for a parasitic existence from then on if we are to build our perceptions on such projections! It is tiresome and predictable when the topic of retirement is presented politically and related to solely in monetary burdensome terms. Retirement provides many gains, not just for the individual, but frequently does for the community also.

The stereotypical image of the humped backed little old woman or man leaning on a tilting walking stick is not the reality for the majority of 'older' people in times when health care, lifestyle and diet sustain a really good quality of life. Senior years is not about what one can't do but about what one can do and, perhaps, do so differently!

Look at those who are most involved and active in our parishes, volunteer groups, caring roles, sports clubs, etc: are these not buzzing with those in 'senior' years! Apart from professional childcare facilities, who provides most childcare – freely!?

If we were to take a look at our parishes, our volunteer services, childcare, care of those with needs and imagine all those over retirement age abstracted in those situations, what would it be like? For people over a certain age (like me!), one becomes blind to what presents as aged but I know that my life and would be a lot less interesting without the attitudes, humour, hard work and creativity which arrives from those more seniors than me!

People retire for lots of reasons apart from simply arriving at a particular birthday and most become rejuvenated for a new level of productivity, which may or may not deliver in monetary terms directly. I am still learning lots from my 95 & 96 year old parents all of which is priceless!

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

is on 15th June 2024 - www.hse.ie

Can I get the Carer's Support Grant?

The Carer's Support Grant is paid automatically in June to people getting:

Carer's Allowance (both full rate and half-rate)

Carer's Benefit

Domiciliary Care Allowance.

If you are not getting one of these payments, you can still qualify for the Carer's Support Grant.

You must be:

Aged 16 or over

Ordinarily resident in Ireland

Caring for the person on a full-time basis

Caring for the person for at least 6 months (this 6-month period must include the first Thursday in June)

Living with the person being cared for (or if you don't live with them, you must meet certain criteria - for example, the person must be able to contact you quickly and directly). Full details and conditions are on our website or the office.

How to apply

If you are not getting one of the above payments, you should fill in a Carer's Support Grant application form (pdf) for each person you are caring for.

You can also get the application form from your local:

Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office, or Citizens Information Centre

E-scooters

E-scooters can be legally used on Irish roads by people aged over 16. Your scooter must meet technical requirements, including a maximum weight of 25 kilos or less and a maximum speed of 20 km per hour or less.

Do I need to take a test and get a licence?

No, you do not need a licence to ride one and your e-scooter does not need to be registered, taxed or insured.

Are they safe?

The e-scooter itself must have a CE mark on it. This is a European safety standard you should check for on any electrical goods.

You can keep yourself safe on your e-scooter by wearing reflective clothing and personal protective gear, taking weather conditions into consideration and avoiding the use of headphones while driving.

What are the rules I need to follow?

E-scooters can be used on local, regional, and national roads. They cannot be used on motorways.

You can use cycle and bus lanes.

You must drive on the left, including in cycle and bus lanes.

Follow the rules of the road, especially for traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, and zebra crossings. Gardaí can confiscate e-scooters ridden by people under 16.

Only one person can ride an e-scooter at a time. E-scooters are not designed for carrying goods or passengers.

You must not use an e-scooter on footpaths, pedestrianised areas or on motorways.

You must not park an e-scooter in no-parking zones like loading bays, accessible parking and charging bays.

E-scooters are not allowed on State provided public transport, Luas, rail, or bus services (due to concerns with lithium batteries).

You must not use your mobile phone while driving an e-scooter.

You must follow signals given by a Garda or school warden.



Read more about e-scooters on <https://bit.ly/e-scooterslaw> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

Volunteers Needed

The **Kids and Carers Group** is held weekly in the Methodist Church in Lucan village and provides parents/minders and toddlers with an opportunity to come together, form friendships, chat and play in a relaxed space over a cup of tea. It is held every Friday 9:30am to 11:30am, during term time, in Lucan village (car parking provided) and needs volunteers to keep it open from this September.



The group has been in existence for at least 40 years but will close in June unless a group of carers/parents/grandparents/volunteers come together to run it. It is a “not for profit” community based group and the small fee collected every week is used to pay the rent and buy refreshments.

The volunteers would be required to open and close the premises, set out the toys and serve tea/coffee/biscuits. It would be a big loss to the community if it had to close its doors after so many decades.

If you feel you can spare two and a half hours a week please **contact Alice 086 0805055** or **Nicola 083 8026559**

Garden Open Day In aid of LauraLynn



@ 43 Beech Grove, Lucan
Sat 8th June 2024
10.30am – 4.30pm

Joe & Aine Clayton 086 0561497

Lucan I.C.A.

New National President: Lucan Guild members delighted to meet and welcome our new National President Mary D'Arcy from Wexford at the AGM in the Arklow Bay Hotel last week.



We wish her well in her new position for the next 3 years.

Lucan Guild Notes: Lucan members return to their guild after bank holiday weekend with Noreen and Nuala on the teas.

The ladies are continuing with their Blackwork and some are very happy with their finished work framed and ready for showing it at next meeting.



Above, our member Anne with her son Ted, on holidays in Canada, and who should they meet only Daniel O' Donnell at a concert - making Anne a very happy lady.

Pauline

Best Wishes and Congratulations
to our good friend and colleague

Davey Keogh

on his recent appointment in Cyprus.

The drains around Lucan won't be the same without you.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.
All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Legion of Mary:

Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine.*

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



Visits to the housebound:

If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world and for our journey to eternal life.

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina):

Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

Baptisms in St. Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions. **Dates are bookable on line.**

If you need to cancel email:

secretary@lucanparish.com

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12 noon.
All Welcome.



Medjugorje Mass

In St Mary's Church

10th June at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

Log on to: Lucanparish.com

Facebook: medjugorje mass lucan

All welcome

Left: Group of pilgrims from the recent Medjugorje Pilgrimage with Pat Colgan

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:15am. Sat. 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

**THIS Saturday June 8th
at 12 Noon**

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy,
Lucan South.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Benediction. *All welcome*

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the
evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday
from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday
evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in
the church. Their works include home visitation
and outreach to the poor.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up
in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the
Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first
Wednesday of each month for one hour at
10.40am.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to
receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan
or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact
the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St.
John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for
7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of
cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the
St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and
chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church
entrance).

St. Elisabeth Convent

The Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk will
have a stall of icons and crafts for purchase in the
St. John Paul II Room on Sunday 16th June.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger
parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday
morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to
11.30am. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Meeting every
Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St
Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am
Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning
10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves
will take place on

Sunday 1st September at 3pm

Weather Permitting.

Anniversaries

TERESA (TESS) CURRAN

2nd Anniversary

We lost our Mam with a heart of gold
How much we miss her can never be told
She shared our troubles and helped us along
If we follow in her footsteps
We will never go wrong
We miss you from your kitchen chair
Your loving smile and gentle air
Your vacant place, no one can fill
We miss you mam and always will
She was a mam so very rare
Content in her home and always there
On earth she toiled
In heaven she rests
God bless you mam
You were the best.

Sadly missed by her loving children and their partners



TERESA (TESS) CURRAN

2nd Anniversary

If flowers grow in Heaven, Lord
Please pick a bunch for us
Then place them in our Granny's arms
And tell her they're from us
Tell her that we love her and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while.
Remembering her is easy
We do it every day
Missing her is a heartache
That never goes away
Tess, Granny is sadly missed by all her grandchildren

ANTHONY SID KENNEDY

4th Anniversary away from home

Missed every day by your family



BAPTISM CANDLES

Available from St. Mary's Parish
Centre or Sacristy.

Cost €5.



**Anam Cara
South Dublin,**
the organisation
that supports
bereaved parents,

is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 10th June at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Bereavement Information Evening

This **online event** will take place on **Thursday 13th June at 7pm.** This will be our last online information evening until September.

Primrose Hill Gardens

Are open for summer flowers.
Also, tree walks in a scenic setting.

**Very top of Primrose Lane, Lucan,
in Lucan Village.**

**Adults - €6
Children - free**

Open since 1992

**Open month of June to July 7th
2pm – 6pm every day
And Heritage Week 17th – 25th August
2pm – 6pm**



Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide.

Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 12th June: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.
All welcome.



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm.

Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

We had an enjoyable day at Fairyhouse races last week and we're looking forward to a day out in Kilkenny on the 20th June, come and join us.

Lucan Sarsfield's Table Quiz



There will be a Table Quiz in the Clubhouse on Friday, 14th June, at 9.00pm. €40 for a table of 4.

All proceeds go towards the Dublin 1999 Intermediate Hurling Championship 25th anniversary celebration event, which is being held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, 6th July.



Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

- Spanish for Beginners
- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)
- Intercultural Awareness
- Business English
- Improving English and Communication Skills

- Digital Media
- Reception & Frontline Office Skills
- Advanced Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel)
- Payroll

For more details, contact
lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie
Or call (01) 6283557.



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Community Centre) or on
Instagram

(ballyowen_community_centre)



Location: We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

Would you like to learn how to start your own business?

We are running a course on 'The secret to starting your own business' during June. It starts on June 13 at 7pm in the centre with an initial introduction. There is no cost, so if you're interested, please email

info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Golden Hour Retirement Club: This week we will be hosting an art class for our retirement club. It's a great way to try out a new creative skill and create something artistic. All levels are welcome! If you'd like to register for your free spot please email, message or call the centre (details below).

Upcoming schedule:

June 6th @ 1pm - Art & Coffee

June 13th @ 1pm - Coffee Social Hour

June 20th @ 1pm - Irish Dancing & Coffee

June 27th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 4th @ 1pm - Bridge & Coffee

July 11th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 18th @ 1pm - Chair Yoga & Coffee

July 25th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

August 1st @ 1pm - Movement & Coffee

Community Day: We're excited to share that we will be hosting a community fun day on July 14th. Put the date in the diary! More details to follow soon so keep an eye out on our social media. We look forward to seeing you there.



Esker Active Retirement Association

This week we had a visit from Mary Gillen of Healthy Age Friendly Homes. Mary gave us a really interesting and informative talk about making our homes safe and comfortable, as well as advice on applying for grants to get work done. They work alongside the Department of Health to ensure that any necessary work can be carried out. Mary or one of her colleagues can visit your home to advise on what adjustments are needed and help make application to relevant department. We will have some information leaflets available next week for anyone who would like one.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 12th at 1.30 in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan. New members very welcome.



Birdie and Co headed off for Bloom last Friday, and enjoyed all the delights.

We made a special visit to the *Super Garden*, as the creator John Dooley, was also Fr. Tom Kennedy's Sacristan, and met a

charming man and his wife, Liz, who posed for photos with just about everybody.

Sadly, on Wednesday last, we learned of John's sudden death.

To his heart-broken wife, Liz, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Heaven will be so glad of John to tend their flowers!

May he rest in peace.



Castletown Parklands: On a happier note, some of us took in a walk around Castletown grounds on Monday, no going into the big house anymore! Parking in Celbridge Village, we came across a little festival at Castletown Gates, and would you believe after viewing all the lovely arts and crafts, we came on Dancing at the Crossroads (*left*), where young and old showed their dancing prowess – might be an idea for the local festival!

A dip in the Archives – 1974

An ever-expanding Lucan had a population of 4,245 souls in 1971. By the next census in 1976, that number had almost tripled to 12,451.

St. Mary's Parish

In the first week of January 1974, the Planned Giving envelopes amounted to £316.65.

Appeals for increases were made regularly towards the ongoing work on the church extension which began the previous year. It would be the beginning of 1975 by the time the builders were completely gone.

Despite appeals, the Planned Giving on the last Sunday of 1974 amounted to £314.50, and it dipped as low as £69.00 during that year.

Sunday Night Bingo was very popular in the Parish Hall (the old BNS), in a further effort to boost parish funds.

The **SHARE Dublin Diocesan Development Fund** was introduced this year, to tackle the problem of ever-increasing parishes – St. Patrick's in Esker would be one of these!

Lucan Schools

Fuel Shortages: After the Christmas break, Schools did not re-open until 15th January 1974. This was due to the shortage of oil resulting from the ongoing Arab wars.

Lucan BNS: Work was still ongoing on the new extension – a 12 room x 3 storey block. In September of that year, the pupils returned to a shared day programme, while they awaited the completion of the new build. After some difficulties, a new builder was appointed in September 1974.

St. Mary's GNS: The weekly non-stop draws were very popular. At 1/- per ticket, there were seven prizes – one for each day of the week:

Sunday £10

Monday £1

Tuesday £1

Wednesday £1

Thursday £2

Friday £3

Saturday £5

You could do a lot with just £1 back then!

Tickets were sold all over Lucan – from a kiosk after all the Sunday Masses, and from pubs and shops around the village.



To the People of Lucan:

Parish Priest, Rev. Donal Coughlan, addressed the 'money' issues in a letter to parishioners.

“Last year we paid out £66,000, of which £51,000 has been paid towards the cost of the church building and £15,000 as our contribution to the new Boys' School down in Lucan town proper.....

Since Christmas we are averaging just under £400 weekly with the planned giving, augmented considerably by the very generous donation of individual parishioners. But, with the heavy commitments for the future, land for two more schools, a percentage of the building costs of these schools, and another Church in time, our parish accountants advise us that we would have to average about £700 weekly if we are not to go hopelessly into debt..... This is a very tall order for a parish which now consists of young families who are themselves in debt.....

But we have one asset Three acres and a fraction of an acre of land adjacent to the Jet

Petrol Station in Lucan which was handed over for a sum of money to the parish clergy in the year 1950 with a possible view to building a new Church on the site. The land is zoned as

Here are the arrangements of classes for the dual day: Morning: 9.30- 12 noon

Mrs. Mc Kiernan	Mrs. Butler	Miss Dunne	Miss Tansley	Mrs. Connolly	Mrs. Maher	Mr. O' Neill	Mr. Mooney	Mr. Meaney
Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	Infants	1st	1st	2nd
AFTERNOON								
1st	2nd	3rd	3rd/4th	3rd	4th	5th	5th	6th
Mr. Cronin	Mr. Newell	Mr. B. O Connor	Mr. V. O' Connor	Mr. Nolan	Mr. Twomey	Mr. Kelly	Mr. O' Donnell	Mr. Roche & Mr. Noonan

green belt We were recently offered £100,000 for the site if it was rezoned.....”

This land, now Brookvale, was known as the Priest’s Field back then, and it would be many years more before things would change on that site. There were lots of objections from people on both sides of the divide – those in the old St. Mary’s Parish, and those who would be ‘moved’ to the new St. Patrick’s Parish and schools of Esker.

Secondary Schools: St. Joseph’s Post Primary School, Coláiste Phádraig, and Lucan Vocational School (The Tech), catered for post primary pupils.

Politics

Local Elections were held in June 1974, and the three seats were filled by:
Micheal Gannon, Labour (Poll Topper)
Brian Lenihan, Fianna Fail
Brian Fleming, Fine Gael

Summer Bus Strike

A bus strike took place during May and June covering 65 days of hardship for people trying to get to work, hospital appointments etc. Not too many families had their own car back then!

At the end of the strike, one contributor wrote of her gratitude to those who regularly gave her lifts to work, and was grateful for all the new friends she’d made – *Every cloud...*

Entertainment

Lucan Drama produced *The Country Boy*, directed by Ewan O’Flynn, with Dorothy Clarke, Cleo Norton, and Agnes McMahon listed in the cast – It was Agnes’ first time to thread the boards!

The play was performed in The Hitching Post, Leixlip, St. Mary’s Parish Hall, and in St. Raphaels in Celbridge.

The Grove Cinema was showing *A Touch of Class*, *Hells Angels on Wheels*, *Brother Sun Sister Moon*, and *Mutiny on the Buses*.

The Village



1974: The people in the foreground are the Callaghan family walking up to Dodsboro. What’s really interesting in this picture is the old AIB building at the bottom of the hill. Most newer people to Lucan only remember the single storey bank, and were quite taken aback when AIB erected the present building a few years back.

In the above photo, the original bank, (formerly The Royal Bank of Ireland and before that, The Lucan Hotel & Tea Rooms), is clearly visible. There was no car park on site in 1974. (*Photo courtesy of Jim Cullen*)

Lucan Community Council

This well-established group were busy trying to sort out the television reception in parts of Lucan. The Esker Lawns area seemed to have very poor reception while up on the hill in the Dodsboro area, there were no complaints. The first Community Week was held in August of this year, with several events culminating in a Sports Day in Dodsboro. They also ran a monthly draw, with President Childers coming to the Grove Cinema to launch the draw.

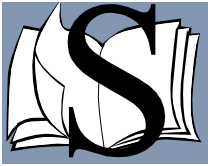
Hatches, Matches and Despatches!

“At thirty seconds past midnight on New Year’s Day Mrs. Bernadette Moran from Ballydowd Grove, Lucan, gave birth to a 5lbs 14ozs baby girl at the Mount Carmel Hospital in Dublin.”

There were regular marriage announcements, wishing the many couples well, and also sending good wishes to those retiring.

It was also usual to see short obituaries for any locals going to their eternal reward...

More '74 next week.....



St. Joseph's College

Leaving Cert & Junior Cycle Exams

The day has finally arrived when all the hard work over the last few years will pay off for our 3rd & 6th Year students! It was great to have English Paper 1 and Home Economics for Leaving Cert and English and Religion for our Junior Cycle students be a positive experience for all and set the students on good start for the next three weeks. Sometimes the wait is the hardest part and all were eager to get started once 9.30am came around on Wednesday, 5th June! We had an additional surprise when Virgin Media TV cameras visited to capture the reactions to the exam papers from emerging students and teachers!
Go n-éirí go geal le gach scoláire sna scrúduithe go léir!



Transition Year Graduation

Our Transition Year Graduation took place on Wednesday, 29th May & what a day of celebration and memories of this year's TY took place! There is no doubt that the students of Joey's TY of 2024 were given every opportunity to reach their potential and grow in so many ways - it will certainly prepare them for the senior years in school, for the opportunities that may arise at 3rd Level, for the working world and most importantly, to live as mature, skilled, considerate & giving young individuals. The ceremony touch on so many awards, prizes, certificates, achievements & accolades – we congratulate all TYs on all the achievements this year. We especially congratulate **Georgia Lee** for being awarded the **Spirit of Transition Year Award** and to **Agnes Martin** for being awarded **Transition Year Student of the Year for 2024!** A huge thank you to our wonderful TY



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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

**War does not determine who is right,
War determines who is left.**

Bertrand Russell

Lucan Library – June Events

All events and activities are free of charge.
All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.

To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



Ruaille Buaille - Lucan Children's Music Festival
It's that time of year again! Don't forget the festival finale Family Music Day in Griffeen Park Saturday 15th June. Lots of fun for all the family!

Thursday 13th June, 3.30pm

Creating Decorations for Ruaille Buaille Festival Marquee with Elena for 9-12 year olds
Booking Essential from Thursday 6th June at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ruaille-buaille-art-session-with-elena-for-children-aged-8-12-years-old-tickets-907670044537>

Crinniú na nOg - National Day of Free Creativity for Children - Sat 15th June 10.30am

Baby Rave for Ages 1-4 years. Baby Rave is a kid's dance party that combines song, dance & play through engaging physical activity, imagination, and FUN!

Booking essential from Saturday 1st June at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/baby-rave-dance-party-tickets-902335909997>

3.00pm & 3.30pm (please book only 1 session)

Let's Explore Music with the Mobile Music School for Neuro-divergent children. Ages 5-7
Booking essential from Saturday 1st June at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/learn-and-explore-music-workshop-for-neuro-divergent-children-aged-5-7-yrs-tickets-908773304417>

Pride 2024 - Pride Movie Night – Tuesday 18th June, 5.30pm: The Talented Mr Ripley. All welcome.

Memory Lane Cafe - Dementia Friendly Event
Monday 17th June, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Join us for a trip down memory lane remembering the days of the famous Irish showbands.

Tea/coffee and refreshments will be served.

Please register by leaving your name with staff at the desk.

Fun with Food: Navigating Fussy Eating in Children aged 2-10 years, for parents/caregivers.

Thursday 20th June, 7pm

Interactive talk by Samantha Forrest, founder of Fussy Food Plates. All welcome.

Adult Chess Club: Wednesday, 12th June, 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Come along to practice your chess with friends or new opponents! All welcome. Chess sets provided in the seminar room.

STEAM Saturday with Helen - Saturday 22nd June, 2pm. For 9 -12 year olds. Booking essential from Saturday 17th June at 2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-wobblebot-tickets-914708095537>

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - TUESDAYS at 3pm. All welcome!

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan – Saturday 22nd June at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 15th June at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-914686962327>

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles - Thursday 27th June at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 20th June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-at-lucan-library-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-914674575277>

EXHIBITIONS: Framed Embroidery



Men's Health Book Display for Men's Health Week 10th – 16th June

Pride Book Display 17th – 29th June

Lucan Library Classic Film Club:
Tuesday 25th June, 5.30pm.

Register at Library Desk

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group – Thursday 20th June, 10am – 12noon.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Junior Book Club: Wednesday 26th June, 3.30pm

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 26th June, 7pm

Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome

Information Stands: South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 20th June, 2pm - 4pm

You can follow Lucan Library or South Dublin Libraries on Facebook to see all library events across South Dublin County.

Please contact us if you wish to unsubscribe lucan@sdblincoco.ie



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



June Bank Holiday Draw

Thank you to everyone who entered this draw. Congratulations to our two winners Orla Crowley and Laura McCaffrey

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €2,200. The Numbers were **2, 10, 11, 12**

The lucky dip prizes go to Maria Stewart, Siobhán Stanley, Cian McHugh, Anthony Norton, Brian Mahon, Paul Heneghan, Tricia Monaghan, Peter Rooney.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,600. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.



Community Garden

We have recently started a community garden at the entrance to the club and want to make this a community garden. We need to keep it tidy, so we ask anybody passing by to pick weeds, give it a water on a hot day or add some plants/flowers. A huge thank you to Mike Hanley and everyone else involved in this great initiative.

Social

There will be a **Table Quiz** in the Club on Friday 14th June at 9pm. €40 for Table of 4. All proceeds go towards the 1999 Intermediate Hurling Championship 25th anniversary celebration event which is being held on Saturday 6th July. Contact Paul Stapleton for more information – 087 205 8572.



Our **Annual Golf Classic** will take place on the 21st of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. The cost of a four-person team is €450. This event books up quickly and we had an unprecedented demand for tee times last year so make sure to register early. Invitations are also open for sponsorship opportunities for both companies and personal support. Please contact any member of our committee for registration, sponsorship enquiries and any other information. Maggie Mulqueen 087 2866581, Sara Hickey 086 8187070, Ruth Langton 086 8231139. A huge thank you to Colm Corrihan Builders for sponsoring this event. As always, we encourage our members to support our sponsors, click the following link to view their website <https://colmcorrihanbuilders.ie/>

The Cúpla Focal Club started on Monday the 15th of January from 8-9pm and will continue every Monday. This is a great opportunity to learn Irish. All welcome.

25 Card Drive

The final game of the Club's 25 Card Drive for the 2023/2024 season took place Friday night 10th May 2024 with an accumulator of €300 on offer. Congratulations to the winner Tony Rigney with a total of 61 games and to runner-up John Kelly with 55 games. Congratulations to John O'Mahony who won a hamper and to the other raffle prize winners.

Many thanks to all 23 players who competed over the season for their support of this Club event – we would love to see more players joining when play resumes on 11th October 2024.

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 for information.

Summer Camps



Our summer camps are now open for registration. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All camps will be multisport. The Cúl Camp is already fully booked. Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via ClubZap or Club website

Hurling

While there were no games on the bank holiday weekend, our adult hurlers did have a round of mid-week fixtures last week. Four wins from five games played was the outcome with good wins for Seniors (v Cuala), Intermediates (v St Marks), Junior As (v OP/ER), and Junior Bs (v Erin's Isle). All four of these teams are competing at the top end of their league tables with a few rounds to play. Our Junior C South team lost out in a competitive encounter against St James' Gaels.

Academy

Our Academy is on every Saturday morning from 9-11am and provides a great opportunity to get involved in Gaelic, Hurling and Camogie. It is open to children born in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Training times are age dependent, please contact our club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill - 0871213587



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.

Buachaillí F9

Iontach Naoise a bheith ag traenáil lenár mbuachaillí F9 ar an Mháirt i bPáirc Naomh Caitríona. Bhain na buachaillí an-taitneamh as agus bhí siad chomh sásta éisteacht leis. Go leor iarrachta á dhéanamh a gcuid scileanna a thaispeáint.



Cailíní - Peil

Dhá fhoireann tiomanta ag imirt peile fíormhaith in Airlie tráthnóna inné. Cath chun deiridh in aghaidh Naomh Maighréad, Na Gaeil Óga ag teacht chun cinn le bua a bhí tuille go maith, 6-5 4-9. Míle buíochas le Saorla, Sadhbh, Caoimhe agus Ruby ó fhoireann F13 a d'imir go hiontach. Maith sibh a chailíní!



Cailíní F13 - Camogie

Cluiche iontach camógaíochta eile do na Cailíní F13 inniu ar Pháirc Chorcaí. Roinnt cosanta iontach agus cúil iontacha. Iontach na cailíní a

fheiceáil ag dul chun cinn gach cluiche! Maith sibh.

Buachaillí F12 - Peil

Cluiche peile chomh maith agus a fheicfidh tú riamh a imríodh i bPáirc Chorcaí ar maidin inné agus na BF12 a d'imir in éadan Naomh Mairghéide.

Bhí gach rud ann cúil, cúilíní, scileanna, sábhálacha idir dhá fhoireann a bhí an-chothrom. Thosaigh NGÓ go tapaidh le cúl ach tháinig N. Mairghéide ar ais le 4 pointe dá gcuid féin. Cúil eile agus cúpla pointe don dá fhoireann agus bhí NGÓ chun tosaigh ag leath ama 2-2 in aghaidh 0-6.

Bhí an ghaoth anois le NGÓ (agus an cnoc inár ngaghaidh), thosaigh an dara leath go tapaidh arís le scóranna ón dá fhoireann.

Bhí an dara leath i bhfad níos déine le greamaithe diana ón dá thaobh agus an clog ag comhaireamh síos an t-am ar fad. Ansin chonaiceamar sábháil iontach agus dhá chic shaor...bua ag NGÓ sa deireadh....3-5 go 1-10....!



As good a game of football as you will ever see was played in Corkagh Park yesterday morning as the under 12s played St Margarets.

The game had everything, goals, points, skills, saves, between two very evenly matched teams. NGÓ started quickly with a goal, but Margarets came back with 4 points of their own.

Another goal and a few points for both teams had NGÓ leading at half time 2-2 to 0-6.

The wind now with (and the hill against) NGÓ, the second half began quickly again with scores from both teams.

A much tougher second half, with tackles flying in as the clock counted down. A great save and two frees....in the end a win for the NGÓ....3-5 to 1-10....!



SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Naas Inaugural 5 Mile Race 24th May 2025

The Fearsome Four of Áine Maguire, Síle McIntyre, Jim Dwyer and Mary Lynch joined forces to travel cross country on Friday 24th May for the inaugural Naas AC 5 mile race to celebrate the clubs 100 year anniversary. Perfectly located in Naas Racecourse just off the N7 with ample room for parking and access to comfortable facilities, there was a friendly atmosphere throughout and plenty of volunteers stewarding.



Mary Lynch, Síle McIntyre, Áine Maguire and Jim Dwyer.

It was a calm, overcast, balmy evening making conditions perfect for the almost 300 runners gathering at the start line adjacent to the racecourse. The route was a two lap course along the lovely, quiet country roads of the Tipper Triangle with some gentle hills and plenty of supporters. Indeed at the half way point, a large crowd gathered to encourage and cheer us all on for the next lap – a lovely touch that gave the runners a much needed lift.

The race was well organised and afterwards the volunteers put on a lovely spread of sandwiches and goodies washed down with hot tea - all greatly appreciated. Wins were chalked up by Matthew Shirran (Naas AC) and Niamh O'Connor (Tullamore Harriers).

The Four all agreed that it was a thoroughly enjoyable way to spend a Friday evening. The organisers hope to make it a yearly event and it is definitely one for the diary. An extra bonus was the fab complimentary yellow t-shirt and also the achievement of a few PBs!

2024 Leinster Junior, Seniors and Masters Championships 25th and 26th May

The 2024 Leinster Junior, Seniors and Masters Championships proved to be a rewarding event for Lucan Harriers with strong performances all round and a haul of gold medals that would make Usain Bolt blush!

Breda Smyth 800m Gold, 1500m Silver and 3000m Gold

Pat O'Dwyer 1500m Bronze

Two athletes competed in their 1st track 1500m Gavin Nolan and Gerald Connolly, against very strong competition coming 4th and 5th respectively.

Aoife Coffey ran senior 1500m in a competitive field Bronze

Izzy Cuffe ran the 2000m Steeplechase and came 1st

Ray Hearne continued getting pbs in 100m and a Bronze medal and a silver medal in the 400m

John Flanagan had two great runs in a strong field in the 200m and 400m coming 5th in both races.

Dervila 100m Gold and 200m Gold

Sorcha Dineen 400m Gold, 100m Silver, 200m Silver

Carol Kearney 100m Gold, 200m Gold and 400m Gold

Grand finale of the 1st day saw 2 teams in the 4x100m relay, we had the women's team of Sorcha, Dervila, Annette and Carol who had to fight hard to the line to get the Gold and the mens team of Ray, John, Gerald and Gavin raced home to win the gold.

A fantastic day of racing, socialising and craic. Racing is a celebration of our training.



Katriona Power whose dedication to training is clearly paying off as she was top of the class in O50 discus, hammer throw, heavy hammer, and weight for distance events. In very tough conditions, Katriona nonetheless showcased her abilities time and time again to bring home a very nice haul!!
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Lucan Harriers continued...

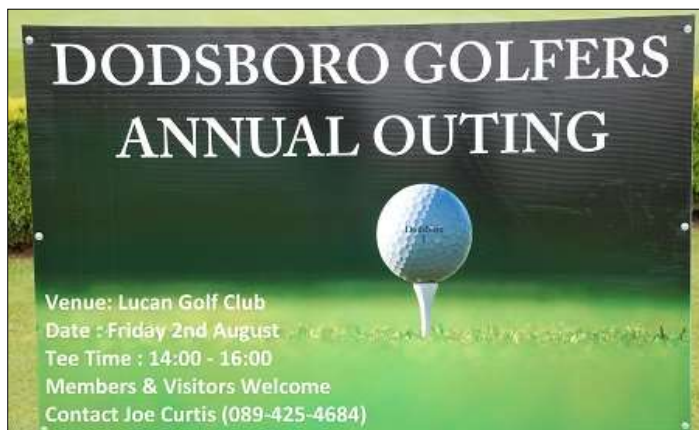
Not to be overshadowed, Annette Durkan also made a significant mark at the championships. Competing in her first ever Masters Weight for Distance event Annette also brought home the gold while wearing the red and black!! Clearly a natural talent in the event, we look forward to seeing how Annette progresses and watching the distances get longer and longer in the coming months and years!!

The men's field events were also rewarding for Lucan, with Pearse Carberry winning a gold medal in the javelin. Pearse's second throw (of four) was his best and was enough to sneak a gold, and with a couple more competitions left this year there might well be room for progress and a few more meters, let's watch this space!!

These achievements at the Leinster Masters Championships highlight that Lucan Harriers is definitely #morethanarunningclub and hopefully will inspire some club colleagues to pick up a weight, a javelin or a discus and give it a try!!

Bob Heffernan 5km 21st May: A total of 31 Lucan Harriers took part in the Bob Heffernan 5km on 21st May. First male home for Lucan Harriers was Benjamin Caullier in 14:55. First female home was Aoife Coffey in 17:03.

Lucan Harriers Couch to 5 Mile: Lucan Harriers Couch to 5 Mile is back again this year on June 10th after a huge success last year. This will be a great opportunity for anyone new to running who wants to challenge themselves in a supportive and safe environment. The training will finish up by completing the Lucan Harriers 5 mile race on September 1st.



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Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Spotted in a Safari Park:
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR!

Notice in a Farmer's Field:
THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKER TO CROSS HIS LAND FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Readers will recall that two weeks ago I drew attention to a large advertisement for a well-known chocolate bar on the Con Colbert Road that contained a large Christmas Tree even though it was only May. When I passed by the site this week the advertisement was gone but I know that I did not imagine it!

Now to the photographs. Some of our members are abroad in Spain and France and we await the submission of some spectacular photos. We have already been tempted by an Espresso coffee and photographs of Avignon have been promised. Avignon is where, between 1309 and 1377, during the Avignon papacy, seven successive popes, all French, resided.



In the meantime, Paddy has submitted photos of Dublin Port taken from the south side of the bay and Joe has caught our friend the Heron and some fields of wild flowers in St. Catherine's Park.



Conor has submitted photographs of Lucan village as a prelude to a project that members of the group hope to undertake over the summer months in which they will select photographs of old Lucan and endeavour to take contemporary photographs of the same views from exactly the same position to reflect the changes that have taken place in our village over the decades. For example, does anybody recall what was at the location of the present branch of the Permanent TSB, formerly the Ulster Bank? – clue – I saw the film “The Deer Hunter” about 1980 at this location and it closed in 1986!
Stay safe until next week!